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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLE FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ANGOLA

1. SENEGAL'S PUBLIC POSITION ON ANGOLA HAS CONSISTENTLY REFLECTED DESIRE TO SEE ANGOLAN UNITY PRESERVED THROUGH NEGOTIATION OF COMMON FRONT BETWEEN THREE MOVEMENTS. THOUGH PRESIDENT SENGHOR HAS OPENLY ACKNOWLEDGED HIS GOOD RAPPORT WITH UNITA, SENEGAL HAS REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE ANY ANGOLAN FACTION AND HAS FAVORED APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE THROUGH OAU OR UN TO BRING PARTIES TOGETHER (THOUGH GOS TENDS TO SEE OAU AS HOPELESSLY SPLIT ON ANGOLA). PRESIDENT SENGHOR HAS PUBLICLY MINIMIZED SIGNIFICANCE OF INITIAL REPORTS OF SOUTH AFRICAN INVOLVEMENT AND PRIVATELY EXPRESSES STRONG OPPOSITION TO SOVIET INTERFERENCE AND TO MPLA.

2. SENEGALESE ASSURE US THEY ARE HOLDING FIRM TO ESTABLISHED POSITION, THOUGH IT IS CLEAR THEY ARE APPREHENSIVE OVER INCREASINGLY EVIDENT AFRICAN DIVISION AND POSSIBLE EFFORT TO "SHAME" THOSE NOT SUPPORTING MPLA FOR ALLEGED COMPLICITY WITH SOUTH AFRICA OR US. EXTERNAL RELATIONS DIRECTOR KANDE HAS STATED VIEW THAT "WE HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE" AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT YOUR VISIT WILL OPENLY DEMONSTRATE COINCIDENCE OF US AND SENEGALESE VIEWS ON ANGOLA AND SHOW SENEGALESE DETERMINATION

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TO RESIST MPLA BANDWAGON. FOREIGN MINISTRY CABINET DIRECTOR

ASSURED AMBASSADOR JANUARY 2 THAT SENEGAL WOULD HOLD FIRM AT
OAU MEETINGS EVEN IF 40 OUT OF 46 MEMBERS RECOGNIZED MPLA.
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